

2nd Grade Scoop

Nov. 4-8, 2013		Mrs. Spielmann	West Central Elementary
<p><u>Character Education</u> The Character Education word for November is: <u>Citizenship</u>. Citizenship is helping young people understand the rights and responsibilities of everyone. Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!</p>	<p><u>Math</u> This week we will be working with shapes, blocks, and symmetry. We will also work on problem solving strategies. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.</p>	<p><u>Creative Writing</u> We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are aligned to our Common Core Standards. The students really get excited when it is writing time and sharing on the "Author's Chair"</p>	
<p><u>Social Studies/ Weekly Reader</u> This week we will be learning about saying thanks and Native Americans. <u>Vocabulary Words:</u> veterans, Native Americans, celebration</p>	<p>Just a reminder: Homework is: *Study spelling words *Read for 20 minutes every night *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction *Practice writing short stories *Practice fluency sheets *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night</p>	<p><u>Spelling</u> The students are working on spelling ch, tch, sh, th. We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary and using list words in sentences.</p>	<p><u>Dates to Remember:</u> <u>November 5</u> - Bookmobile <u>November 8</u> - Donuts for Dads <u>November 11</u> - Veteran's Day Program 9:00 a.m. and Dismiss 1:30 for Conferences ***** <u>Phonics & Grammar</u> *Realistic Fiction, and connect prior knowledge <u>Reading:</u> <u>Read Aloud Anthology "Tanya's Garden"</u> <u>Guided Reading Groups: Fluency, comprehension skills, predicting, and author's message, realistic fiction, and author's purpose.</u> <u>Independent Reading and A.R. Tests</u> <u>Encourage your child to read & practice math facts each night. This is a very powerful habit that pays off in the long run. These are skills they need to know.</u></p>
			

Vocabulary

High Frequency Words for this week are: bought, draw, especially, minute, picture, question, sure, worry

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: filthy, adorn, fellow, executive, beautifying, renowned, kin, original

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. **Writing**

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the

correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices. **Bullying Contract:** I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to be kind. Be Safe. Be ready to learn!

Read Aloud Charts

"My Name" - (describing how we listen for a purpose) Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Brush Dance" - Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from it.

Listening Center

Stories: "Jamaica Louise James & Lazy Thought" By Amy Hest

Genre: Realistic Fiction

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which include: draw, picture, question, worry, minute

The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message.

November Snacks

4 - Layton
5 - Sadie
6 - Alexa
7 - Ethan
8 - Kelsey

Thanks for providing snacks!!



We will be singing **"I'm Proud to be an American"**, at the Veteran's Day Program on November 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Please join us! Thank you! (Please have your child wear red, white and blue on November 11.) Each child will also recite why they are proud to be an American. We have been practicing the song and pieces they will recite.

Quotes of the Week-

"Good schools, like good societies & good families, celebrate and cherish diversity!" Deborah Meier

"I hear. I forget. I see & I remember. I do & I understand!" Chinese Proverb

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